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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/726,710
Filing Date	November 30, 2000
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Group Art Unit	2817
Examiner Name	S. Jones
Attorney Docket Number	36856.993

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the Patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 22, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

- iii. Other

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103© for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

- b. Other

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- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) : 02/05/2004 AWONDAF1 00000028 09726710
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) : 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
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Application Number: 10-2000-0071915

Title of Invention: Nonreciprocal Circuit Device, Nonreciprocal Circuit and Communication Device

This is to inform you, pursuant to Article 63 of the Patent Act, that a review of this patent application resulted in the following grounds for rejection. If you have an opinion regarding this or if the application requires correction, please submit a written statement of opinion (Accompanying Document Form No. 25-2 of the Enforcement Regulation of the Patent Act) and/or an amendment (Accompanying Document Form No. 5 of the Enforcement Regulation of the Patent Act) by the deadline above. (Applications for extension of the deadline above may be filed for one month at a time. No separate extension approved notification is provided regarding such an application.)

(Grounds for Rejection)

The invention described in the claims of this application is unpatentable pursuant to Article 29 (2) of the Patent Act because, prior to this application, a person with ordinary knowledge in the technical field to which this invention belongs could create the invention easily based on the information provided below.

The invention described in all claims of the present patent application, which provides a compact nonreciprocal circuit device with at least one filter inductor having significant attenuation properties and a communication device incorporating the same, could be readily derived by a person skilled in the art from the configuration of Cited Invention 1, which comprises a device having an LC circuit in the form of a matching capacitor and coil inductance coupled to the port of a central conductor in a circulator providing a plurality of frequencies equivalent to a number of resonance circuits centered on the central conductor, and the configuration of Cited Invention 2, which comprises a concentrated constant circulator equipped with a central ferrite conductor having strip conductors formed crossing on its top surface and a structure by which it is connected to the ground plane through inductance connected serially with capacitance. The purpose and effects of the present invention, also, are identical with the purpose and effects contained in the cited inventions.

[Attachment]

Attachment 1. Japanese Unexamined Patent No. H11-097907 (April 9, 1999), one copy
 Attachment 2. Japanese Unexamined Patent No. H05-095207 (April 16, 1993), one copy

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ⁱⁱ Translator's note: The translator has transliterated the company name given in Korean characters, which in turn was transliterated from the Japanese company name whose official English name is "Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd."

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첨부2 일본공개특허공보 평05-095207호(1993.04.16) 1부 끝.

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